

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 98-232-E - ORDER NO. 98-343
MAY 14, 1998

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| IN RE: | Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas |) | ORDER |
| | Company for a Certificate of Environmental |) | GRANTING |
| | Compatibility and Public Convenience and |) | REQUEST |
| | Necessity, as required under the Utility |) | |
| | Facility Siting & Environmental Protection |) | |
| | Act for the proposed Huron 230/12 KV |) | |
| | Substation and Huron KV Tap Line. |) | |

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G or the Company) for Commission approval to proceed at its own risk with initial construction activity on the proposed Huron 230/12 KV Substation and Huron KV Tap Line. The Company has already filed an Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity for the construction of these facilities, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-33-120 (1976). SCE&G requests, at this time, to exercise the option under S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-33-110(7) (1976) to secure Commission approval to proceed at its own risk with initial construction activity, short of having received full certification approval for the proposed project.

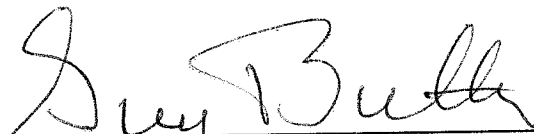
Section 58-33-110(7) states that the Commission shall have authority, where justified by public convenience and necessity, to grant permission to a person who has

made application for a certificate under Section 58-33-120 to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, dredging and construction; provided, however, that in engaging in such clearing, excavation, dredging or construction, the person shall proceed at his own risk, and such permission shall not in any way indicate approval by the Commission of the proposed site or facility. (A "person" may be a corporation, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-33-20(5)(1976)).

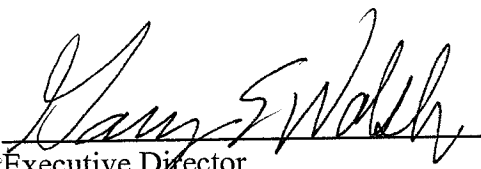
We have examined this matter, and hereby find that the initial activity contemplated by the statute is justified by the public convenience and necessity, since full construction, if allowed, will allow SCE&G to serve a large industrial customer, which would mean more jobs and another product for this area. Allowing the initial activity contemplated by the statute would mean faster progress towards this potential goal. We therefore grant SCE&G's request to proceed at its own risk to perform the functions allowed by the authority of S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-33-110(7)(1976) above. We must emphasize that, as stated by the statute, the granting of this permission does not in any way indicate approval by the Commission of the proposed site or facilities to be constructed. These matters shall be considered at a later date as per the directives of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the
Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Deputy Executive Director

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